

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.(Currently amended) A firearm cartridge, comprising a casing including:
a generally cylindrical wall extending between a forward end and an opposite end member;

a hollow interior formed by said wall and said end member;

a projection in said hollow interior extending along said end member, at least a portion of said projection being spaced from said end member;

said end member including an outer end surface at a rearward end thereof and a receptacle formed in said end member opening at said outer end surface, said receptacle extending forwardly into said end member to a striker member ~~extending along said recess~~, said striker member being integral with said end member;

a recess formed between said projection and said end member, said striker member extending along said recess, said recess including an end formed between said projection and said end member, said end extending about said receptacle and said striker member; and

priming composition in said recess, wherein said striker member is deformable by a firing pin positioned in said receptacle to compress said priming composition in said recess.

2. (Original) The cartridge of claim 1, wherein said projection is integrally formed with said end member.

3. (Original) The cartridge of claim 1, wherein said receptacle is cylindrical.

4. (Original) The cartridge of claim 1, further comprising a bullet connected to said forward end of said casing.

5. (Original) The cartridge of claim 1, further comprising propellant in said hollow interior.

6. (Original) The cartridge of claim 1, wherein said projection forms a passage providing communication between said recess and said hollow interior.

7. (Original) The cartridge of claim 1, wherein said projection extends from an inner surface of said end member, said inner surface extending along said hollow interior.

8. (Original) The cartridge of claim 1, wherein said end member includes a thickness between said outer end surface and said recess, said receptacle including a depth that is greater than one half of said thickness.

9. (Original) The cartridge of claim 8, wherein said depth is about three-fourths of said thickness.

10. (Original) The cartridge of claim 1, wherein said receptacle is centered along a central longitudinal axis of said casing.

11. (Original) The cartridge of claim 10, wherein said recess is formed radially about said central longitudinal axis.

12. (Original) A firearm cartridge, comprising a casing including:
a generally cylindrical wall extending between a forward end and an opposite rearward end member;

a hollow interior formed by said wall and said end member;

said end member including a rearwardly facing outer end surface at a rearward end thereof and a receptacle formed in said end member opening at said outer end surface, said receptacle extending forwardly into said end member to a striker member integral with said end member;

a projection in said hollow interior extending along said end member, at least a portion of said projection being spaced forwardly from said end member; and

a recess for receiving priming composition between said projection and said end member, said recess being spaced forwardly of said striker member and extending to an end extending about said striker member.

13. (Original) The cartridge of claim 12, wherein said striker member is deformable by a firing pin positioned in said receptacle to compress said priming composition between said striker member and said projection

14. (Original) The cartridge of claim 13, wherein said projection is integrally formed with said casing.

15. (Original) The cartridge of claim 14, wherein said projection is integrally formed with said end member.

16. (Original) The cartridge of claim 12, wherein said projection forms a passage providing communication between said recess and said hollow interior.

17. (Original) The cartridge of claim 12, wherein said projection extends from an inner surface of said end member, said inner surface extending along said hollow interior.

18. (Original) The cartridge of claim 12, wherein said end member includes a thickness between said outer end surface and said recess, said receptacle including a depth that is greater than one half of said thickness.

19. (Original) The cartridge of claim 12, wherein said receptacle is centered along a central longitudinal axis of said casing.

20. (Currently amended) A firearm cartridge, comprising a casing including:
a generally cylindrical wall extending between a forward end and an opposite rearward end member;

a hollow interior formed by said wall and said end member;

said end member including a rearwardly facing outer end surface at a rearward end thereof and a receptacle formed in said end member opening at said outer end surface, said receptacle extending forwardly into said end member to a forward end wall, said forward end wall of said receptacle being integral with said end member; and

a recess formed in said end member for receiving a priming composition, said recess being positioned forwardly of said forward end wall of said receptacle and extending ~~to and end extending~~ about said receptacle and said forward end wall.

21. (Original) The cartridge of claim 20, wherein said casing includes a projection extending from said casing, said recess being formed between said projection and said forward end wall.

22. (Original) The cartridge of claim 21, wherein said projection extends from said end member.

23. (Original) The cartridge of claim 22, wherein said projection is integral with said end member.